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SUBJECT: SECOND ANNIVERSARY CABINET CHANGES PLACE EMPHASIS
ON STABILITY

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1. THUS FAR PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ HAS CHANGED ONLY MINISTER OF
FINANCE WHO RESIGNED TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE. SALAS' RE-
PLACEMENT IS, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE (QUITO 839) FORMER UNDER
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, JAIME MONCAYO GARCIA.

2. PERSISTENT RUMORS OF REPLACEMENT OF MINISTER OF LABOR
GENERAL MOREJON ARE CIRCULATING. ACCORDING LATEST VERSION,
HE IS TO BE ASSIGNED TO INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD IN
WASHINGTON WHERE MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR HIS AGGRAVATING
STOMACH PROBLEM WILL BE AVAILABLE. HIS REPLACEMENT IS
REPORTEDLY DR. RAMIRO LARREA SANTOS, A COSTENO WHO IS
PRESENTLY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GUAYAQUIL CITY COUNCIL
AND PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF THE
DEVELOPMENT OF GUAYAS RIVER BASIN. HE HAS HAD PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

3. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MALDONADO, WHO HAS
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RECENTLY COME UNDER A SPATE OF PUBLIC ATTACKS FROM LARGER

FARMERS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS TO THE OCTOBER 1973 LAND REFORM DECREE, IS NAMED AS ANOTHER CABINET MEMBER WHO MAY LEAVE. RUMORS OF MALDONADO'S DEMISE APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE INSPIRED BY HIS ADVERSARIES AND THUS FAR THE GOE HAS GIVEN EVERY INDICATION THAT IT WILL BACK ITS AGRICULTURE MINISTER.

4. COMMENT: THUS FAR PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ HAS CLEARLY FOLLOWED COURSE OF ACTION HE OUTLINED TO AMBASSADOR JANUARY 29 (REFTEL) WHEREBY EMPHASIS OF GOE AS IT ENTERS ITS THIRD YEAR WILL BE ON CONTINUITY RATHER THAN WIDE-SPREAD CABINET CHANGES.
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